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December 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors  
GLORIA MOLINA  
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Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
Third District

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Fourth District

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Fifth District

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT  
VALLEY BOULEVARD FROM 710 FREEWAY TO TEMPLE CITY BOULEVARD  
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT IMPACTING THE  
CITIES OF ALHAMBRA, EL MONTE, ROSEMEAD, AND SAN GABRIEL  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., to prepare plans, specifications, estimates, and provide construction assistance services for Valley Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project and to establish the effective date following your Board's approval. The agreement will be for a not-to-exceed fee of \$121,000 to be financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Grant Funds and matching County funds.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain consultant services to prepare plans and specifications for a project to improve traffic flow on Valley Boulevard in the Cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Rosemead, and San Gabriel.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) and Community Services (Goal 6) by securing sufficient staffing resources to ensure an efficient, effective, and goal-oriented project delivery system and providing improved infrastructure that will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The recommended Consultant Services Agreement is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$121,000. The estimated cost to complete this work is \$109,400, plus \$11,600 for unforeseen additional work, which may arise during progress of the work. Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will reimburse approximately \$95,470 of the cost from the 2001 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Forum. The remaining \$25,530 will be funded by the County's Proposition C local return revenue.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

We are recommending that your Board award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc. The recommended Consultant Services Agreement will provide design and construction services for the Valley Boulevard Project in support of the Traffic Signal Synchronization Project. The project includes Valley Boulevard from the 710 Freeway to Temple City Boulevard. The Department of Public Works has successfully used consulting firms to perform design work of a similar nature on other projects.

When construction documents and jurisdictional approvals are completed, tentatively scheduled for December 2008, the Department of Public Works will return them to your Board to adopt plans, specifications, and advertise for bids to construct the project.

A standard agreement in the form previously approved by County Counsel will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Consultant Services Agreement stating that the consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

As requested by your Board, on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of a contract award, Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Program participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., adheres to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On September 7, 2006, the Department of Public Works issued Requests for Proposal to 26 firms to develop a select list of qualified consultants to provide as-needed traffic design services, and 18 firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. An evaluation committee, consisting of the Department of Public Works engineering staff, evaluated the proposals. These evaluations were based on technical expertise, proposed work plans, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the

work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of these proposals, the committee developed a select list of eight qualified firms. The firms selected were ADVANTEC Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Katz, Okitsu and Associates; Kimley-Horn and Associates; RBF Consulting, Inc.; Lin Consulting, Inc.; VA Consulting, Inc.; Albert Grover and Associates; and Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc.

As stated in the Requests for Proposal, the Department of Public Works shall select consultants from the select list of qualified consultants for each project in order of established evaluation ranking. Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., is the next firm on the list.

Participation by Community Business Enterprise (CBE) in the project and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith effort to utilize CBE are encouraged through the Department of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program.

Transportation & Energy Solutions, Inc., is aware of the Department of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program; and their proposed CBE participation is on file with the Department of Public Works.

The Department of Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended agreement, as this agreement is for non-Proposition A services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of Public Works, the Requests for Proposal to develop the select list of qualified consultants was posted on the Doing Business With Us website. Attached is a copy of the website posting for your reference.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**


Hiring a consultant to perform this specific short-duration engineering service will allow the Department of Public Works to continue to have its current staff perform more routine traffic service.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Chief Executive Officer

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WJW:pc

Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)  
Department of Public Works (Architectural Engineering, Programs Development)

## Selected Bid Information

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## Bid Detail Information

**Bid Number :** AJX7001L  
**Bid Title :** Traffic Design Services - Development of Select List  
**Bid Type :** Service  
**Department :** Public Works  
**Commodity :** ENGINEERING -TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION  
**Open Date :** 9/7/2006  
**Closing Date :** 10/6/2006 3:00 PM  
**Bid Amount :** N/A  
**Bid Download :** Not Available  
**Bid Description :** The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide design services for a variety of traffic engineering projects throughout the County of Los Angeles.  
The scope may range from the completion of traffic signal plan(s) for a minimum of one traffic signal to an undetermined number of traffic signals which may or may not be part of a linear coordinated system or a network of coordinated systems, and/or the completion of signing and striping plan(s) ranging in complexity from longitudinal lane lines along a highway reach to a complex intersection layout.  
**Contact Name :** Ron Beal  
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